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**Brigadier General Edwin J. Arnold, Jr.**

*Commander, Mississippi Valley Division*

Brigadier General Edwin J. Arnold, Jr. assumed command of the Mississippi Valley Division (MVD) on September 12, 2000. The Chief of Engineers will also nominate General Arnold to be President of the Mississippi River Commission (MRC). General Arnold came to MVD from Dallas, Texas, where he was the Commander and Division Engineer of the Southwestern Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers since September 1998.

As MVD Commander, General Arnold will play a vital role in managing the Corps water resources program in the Mississippi River Valley. The boundary of the Mississippi Valley Division extends from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, includes portions of 12 states, and encompasses 370,000 square miles. The programs and activities overseen by the MVD and MRC are conducted by district offices located in St. Paul, Rock Island, St. Louis, Memphis, Vicksburg, and New Orleans.

General Arnold was born in Bay City, Texas, where he lived until he graduated high school in May 1967. In May 1972, he graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in geology and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. He returned to the University of Texas in 1976 to obtain a master's degree in civil engineering.

His military education includes the Engineer Officers Basic and Advanced Courses, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, School of Advanced Military Studies, where he received a Master's of Military Arts and Science Degree, and the U.S. Army War College.

Other assignments include Deputy Commander/Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Engineer Center and Fort Leonard Wood/U.S. Army Engineer School, Missouri, since July 1997, and Director of Battle Lab Support for the U.S. Army Engineer School and the TRADOC Program Integration Officer for Terrain Data, also at Fort Leonard Wood.

General Arnold began his career as Earthmoving Platoon Leader and Construction Officer for Company D, 92d Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy) at Fort Gordon, Georgia. After Advanced Course and graduate schooling, he joined the U.S. Army Engineer Division, Europe, and became the Resident Engineer for Greece and Turkey.

He returned to the U.S. in 1981 to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he joined the 299th Engineer Battalion with initial duties as Battalion S-4, followed by Company Command, and culminating as Battalion S-3. After staff college attendance, he was assigned to the 2d Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas, where he served successively as the Assistant G-3 for Plans, Deputy G-3, and Secretary of the General Staff. Following that assignment, he joined the 3d Infantry Division as the Division Engineer and Commander of the 10th Engineer Battalion. He completed his tour with the division serving as the Executive Officer for the newly formed Engineer Brigade, 3d Infantry Division. After War College, General Arnold took command of the 1st Armored Division Engineer Brigade in July 1993. In July 1995, he relinquished command of the Brigade and moved to Fort Leonard Wood.

General Arnold's awards include the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, and the German Cross of Honor in Silver.